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SUBJ: FULBRIGHT STUDENT CANDIDATE ANDREW GORSKI

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1. THE CAL HAS DISCUSSED THE GORSKI PLACEMENT WITH THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, WHICH STATES THAT GORSKI MUST TAKE AN EXAMINATION FOR THE LODZ FILM SCHOOL BEFORE OCTOBER 10. IF HE DOES NOT PASS THIS EXAM, PLACEMENT IN ANOTHER INSTITUTION ELSEWHERE AND IN A DIFFERENT SUBJECT MATTER AREA WILL BE ARRANGED BY THE MINISTRY.

2. HOWEVER, THERE ARE CONDITIONS WHICH ARE PROBABLY UNACCEPTABLE. IF HE PASSES THE EXAMINATION, GORSKI MUST BE ENROLLED AS AN UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT AT THE FILM SCHOOL IN A DEGREE PROGRAM. THIS IS A FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM AND ONLY THE FIRST YEAR MAY BE OMITTED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE EXAMINING BOARD. AS AN UNDERGRADUATE, GORSKI WOULD RECEIVE A STIPEND OF 1,000 ZLOTYS PER MONTH, AS COMPARED TO 2,400 - 2,600 ZLOTYS PER MONTH RECEIVED BY GRADUATE STIPENDEES, AND HE WOULD HAVE TO LIVE IN A SCHOOL DORMITORY INSTEAD OF HAVING THE USUAL OPTIONAL ARRANGEMENT OF A 1,500 ZLOTY PER MONTH ALLOTMENT FOR PRIVATELY ARRANGED HOUSING. THE MINISTRY'S REASONING FOR THIS ARRANGEMENT IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FACTS: 1) THAT THE LODZ FILM SCHOOL HAS NO PROVISIONS FOR AUDITORS OR RESEARCH STUDENTS ON THE GRADUATE LEVEL; 2) THAT GORSKI STATED THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO STUDY CAMERA WORK AND POSSIBLE RECEIVE A DEGREE FROM THE SCHOOL; AND 3) THAT GORSKI RECEIVED HIS GRADUATE DEGREE IN A FIELD OF STUDY OTHER THAN FILM MAKING.

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3. GORSKI SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT IF HE CHOOSES TO STUDY FOR A DEGREE AS A CAMERAMAN OR DIRECTOR, HE WILL BE EXPECTED TO ADHERE TO THE CONDITIONS OF THE LESSER STIPEND AND DORMITORY HOUSING. FURHTER, HE SHOULD KNOW THAT POLISH UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL PROGRAMS INVOLVE SIX TO SEVEN HOURS PER DAY OF CLASS AND THAT HE WILL NOT HAVE THE KIND OF FLEXIBILITY TO OBSERVE AND DO HIS OWN RESEARCH TO WHICH HE IS ACCUSTOMED AFTER FIVE YEARS OF POST-GRADUATE WORK AND STUDY.

4. FURTHER, SINCE THE UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL OF THE PROPOSED PROGRAM IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE FULBRIGHT-HAYS PROGRAM'S AIM TO PROVIDE GRADUATE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES ABROAD, THE RATIONALE OFFERED JUST THIS WEEK BY THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE, SEEMS TO PRECLUDE A GRANT TO GORSKI IN THE AREA OF HIS INTEREST.

5. THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE IS WILLING TO SEEK A PLACEMENT FOR MR. GORSKI MORE IN LINE WITH HIS ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE IN SLAVIC LITERATURE, PERHAPS IN THEATER CRITICISM OR THE HISTORY OF ART. THE MINISTRY OF CULTURE ALSO SAYS IT HAS BEEN ASSURED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS THAT GORSKI WILL BE AUTHORIZED A STUDENT VISA TO COME TO POLAND EVEN THOUGH HE DOES NOT YET HAVE THE REQUIRED ACCEPTANCE FROM A POLISH INSTITUTION.

6. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE GORSKI'S COMMENTS AND THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND THAT HE NOT COME TO POLAND UNTIL A DEFINITE PLACEMENT IS ACCOMPLISHED.
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